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BACKLASH

Heads welcome probe into GCSE marking

by CLARE BUCHANAN
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Teachers across the borough have welcomed news exam regulators will investigate GCSE marking.

Examinations and qualifications regulator Ofqual announced it would look into the GCSE results after the backlash over a new marking scheme that denied many pupils a C grade in English last week.

A pass in the core exam is crucial for those wishing to go on to further education or to study A-levels.

The proportion of entries awarded top grades has risen every year since GCSE exams were first taken in 1988 but this year's national results showed a fall in A* to C grades for the first time.

Kingston Council said the borough's results had improved for a sixth consecutive year, despite the national slump, with 71.6 per cent of pupils getting five A* to C grades, including core subjects English and maths.

Teachers at Kingston schools claimed students could have achieved even better results and many joined the national campaign by teaching unions, which sparked the Ofqual inquiry.

Headteacher of Tolworth Girls' School Siobhan Lowe said she was considering legal action after pupils sitting the English exam in June were marked more harshly than pupils who took it in January.

She said: "We are devastated for our students who are taught by outstanding teachers, who teach what we are told to teach by the Government – after all it is a national curriculum.

"I do believe education is a political football and every year we have an inquiry into our results with actions foisted upon on us by idiots who have no knowledge of education.

"We professionals want the very best education for our students but Ofsted and [Education Secretary] Michael Gove set the parameters, we obviously have to react.

"Why can't we celebrate our successes and cheer on our young people rather than constantly undermine them. Our young people are really amazing individuals who deserve the medals not the wooden spoon."

The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL), which represents most secondary headteachers, was also reported to be considering legal action against exam boards over the grading system.

ASCL general secretary Brian Lightman said: "For the sake of the young people whose futures have been put at risk, through no fault of their own, this must be dealt with urgently."

General secretary of the National Association of Headteachers Russell Hobby wrote to Mr Gove demanding urgent action.

Ofqual chief regulator Glenys Stacey said: "We will look closely at how the results were arrived at. We will do this quickly, but thoroughly, so that we ensure confidence is maintained in our examinations system."

Ms Stacey said she expected to gather evidence over the next week and that Ofqual would then meet awarding bodies to discuss its findings.

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'Devastated for our students': Tolworth Girls' School headteacher Siobhan Lowe said she was considering legal action

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Staples to Naples

Racing around Europe in a 16-year-old Renault Laguna is a challenge one Surbiton man is taking up.

Rupert Basham, 26, from Maple Road, will swap Kingston for the Swiss Alps, scenic Verona and coastal roads of Naples when he and a friend embark on a 1,500-mile, four-day rally to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

He said: "It's a difficult route anyway before you take into account our car has seen better days."

Visit justgiving.com/staples2naples2012 or follow their tweets via @rupert basham and @s_alderson.



Charity rally: Simon Alderson and Rupert Basham

Calls for Olympic plaque

by NAZIA DEWJI
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A Chessington councillor has started a campaign to get businesses behind a plaque or monument to commemorate the Olympics coming to Kingston.

During the summer Games, Kingston hosted the hugely successful cycle races and time trial events that saw cyclists such as Bradley Wiggins cheered through the streets by excited crowds.

Councillor Shiraz Mirza was at the start of the torch relay at the Hook Centre where he witnessed former Olympic rower James Cracknell become the first torchbearer of the borough.

Coun Mirza said: "This is the only Olympics I have ever seen so closely. And a lot of it took place in Kingston. It made me feel very proud.

"I think we should have some kind of legacy in Kingston to mark the cycle races and torch being here. I would love to help make this happen. I feel very positive about this."

He said his own Shiraz Miraz Trust would be able to help fund some of the physical legacy.

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Residents rail against night-time work on tracks

Frustrated Chessington residents suffered sleepless nights after railway works kept them up until dawn earlier this month.

Network Rail carried out work on the tracks between Tolworth and Chessington North until Friday, August 17.

Resident Karen Baitup posted on the South of the Borough Facebook page: "I heard this noise at 3am. I had to shut all my windows in order to get back to sleep.

"It sounded like someone was digging a road up or something, very annoying especially when you have an early start and need the sleep."

A Network Rail spokesman said: "Our policy when we are working on the railway at night is to notify neighbours who live within 300 metres of the line, but it also depends on whether the line is screened from properties and whether the work is unusually noisy.

"We have committed to keeping the railway open for traffic as much as possible and therefore work is often undertaken at night when there are few, or no trains running."

Kingston Council said it had limited powers to control or regulate any noise resulting from the works.

Choose a charity

Kingston's John Lewis is accepting applications for its community matters award scheme.

Nomination forms for a share of the community matters charity donations are available from the store's Expresso Bar or Place to Eat restaurant.

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Oath of allegiance for young Army recruit

A Kingston teenager was among 15 recruits who pledged their allegiance to Queen and country this week.

Danny Carrig took part in the oath of allegiance ceremony for junior entry soldiers at the headquarters of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers at the Tower of London on Tuesday, August 28.

The traditional ceremony is the final step before joining the Army and the conclusion of the recruiting process for the 16-year-old.

Family and friends of the recruits, who came from across south London, watched as the entrants took the oath, which all Army servicemen and women must swear to, promise and adhere to for their entire military career.

The oath was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel How.



Cabbage Patch meeting: Hannah Gore, six, and mum Emma Gore
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Fun day heralds new playground

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The borough will open its first fully accessible playground for children with disabilities this weekend.

The Moor Lane Centre playground in Chessington will have a wheelchair swing, a wheelchair-friendly roundabout, an accessible trampoline and a seesaw for children with learning and physical disabilities.

The playground, which has taken about 18 months to complete, was designed by a group of youngsters with disabilities.

Caroline Jager from the Moor Lane Centre said: "This is the first fully accessible playground for disabled children. This is somewhere they can come with their families and finally play alongside their siblings somewhere safe.

"We have wanted to build this for about five years so we have got somewhere now. But we want to go even further."

Plans to develop the garden area of the playground and add additional play equipment may be in the pipeline if more funding is secured in the future.

The playground will formally be opened by mayor Councillor Mary Heathcote at the centre's annual fun day for children with disabilities on Saturday, September 1.

Speaking about the day, the mayor said: "I am delighted to be attending the fun day and look forward to launching the fantastic new playground."

The fun day, funded by the Kingston Aiming High short break programme for disabled children, will provide a chance to meet exotic animals, circus skills, arts and crafts and face painting.

There will also be a bouncy castle and colourful sensory walk-in tunnels and domes for youngsters to play in on the day.

The playground will then be open for public use.

Join the debate at kingstonguardian.co.uk

Not a patch on this

A life-sized Cabbage Patch Kids doll met Kingston families to mark the relaunch of the 1980s toy phenomenon.

Children and adults met the iconic doll at the Entertainer Toy Store in Thames Street, Kingston, on Saturday, August 25.

Men charged after smash

Three men have been charged after last week's flying squad arrests in New Malden.

Girry Richardson, 19, of the Hollands, Worcester Park, Nicholas George Carter, 20, of Hawkwood Crescent, Chingford, and Charlie Critchley, 19, of St George's Gardens, Surbiton, were charged with conspiracy to rob.

All three were remanded in custody after an appearance at Thames Magistrates' Court on Thursday, August 23.

They are due to appear at the Old Bailey for trial on Thursday, November 1.

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Celebration: The row between teachers and the Government cannot wipe the smile off faces at Hollyfield School, Surbiton



Hard work paid off: High achievers at Coombe Girls School

'Moving the goalposts' with marking changes

The row over GCSE results was somewhat lost on the hundreds of excited schoolchildren who got their GCSE results last week.

Teachers were less pleased, however, after a series of excellent results were marred by the changes to English exam marking.

Rob Niedermaier-Reed, principal at Chessington Community College, said: "I worry whenever it seems the politicians might be meddling, the politics should be kept out of it.

"I have always found it insulting to the young people when politicians tell them that all their hard work, and the suggestion somehow that in previous years, didn't deserve the grades they got."

Headteacher of Tolworth Girls' School Siobhan Lowe described the Government's behaviour as a "shameful attempt to gerrymander results".

The school saw the percentage of A* to C grades drop slightly.

Teachers at schools claimed students could have had even better results, especially in English exams where marking changes were under way.

Mrs Lowe said: "Our students worked incredibly hard, as did their teachers and deserve all of their success.

"When you think of those girls today who have worked so hard collecting their results, it's not fair.

"We are really lucky but our results could have been even better."

Mrs Lowe said teachers and students were upset and demoralised.

Head of English at Coombe Girls' School Katie Corkhill said tougher marking was political and unfair on this year's pupils, some of whom will have to wait another year to get on to A-level courses.

She said: "It is totally unfair. The goalposts have been changed for political reasons that have nothing to do with these kids yet they will suffer."

Hollyfield pupil Jaques Kitenge, 16, from Kingston, said hard marking in his English exam had scuppered plans to go to his first choice college.

The 16-year-old, who wants to be a journalist, said he may have to retake to get on his chosen A-levels.

He said: "I needed a B and I got a C. Both my colleges, Richmond and Esher, said I needed a B. This means it could prove difficult to study the course I want."

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Tiffin Boys'	**48.5**	**32.28**	**16.38**	**2.41**	**0.41**	**0.07**	**0**	**0**
(2011 results)	47	36	13	3	1	0	0	0
Tiffin Girls'	**61**	**28.8**	**7.9**	**1.6**	**0.5**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0**
(2011 results)	59	32	7	2	0	0	0	0
Hollyfield	**13**	**15**	**24**	**28**	**10**	**5**	**3**	**2**
(2011 results)	9	17	25	31	10	4	2	2
Southborough	**9**	**10**	**19**	**29**	**14**	**8**	**4**	**3**
(2011 results)	5	11	19	40	13	5	4	1
Kingston Grammar	**41.9**	**40**	**15.6**	**2.5**	**0.1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
(2011 results)	47	35	15	3	0	0	0	0
Holy Cross	**12.3**	**25.2**	**27.2**	**23.6**	**8.7**	**2.2**	**0.6**	**0.2**
(2011 results)	14	28	26	23	6	2	0	



Success: Olivia Wallwork from Tiffin Girls

A weekend to celebrate

At Coombe Boys' and Coombe Girls' Schools Sophie Allin, 16, from Kingston, achieved seven A*s and six As.

She will have a celebratory meal with her family and was looking forward to taking a place at Kingston Grammar School to study history, English and maths.

She said: "I will be going out for a meal with my mum, dad and brother. He has just got into Oxford so it will be a double celebration."

David and Brenda Powers went to collect their grandson Tom Cronk's results because he was on holiday with the rest of the family.

Mr Powers said: "He has done really well.

"He is a quiet boy so we did not know how he was going to get on but he is very conscientious and a really great grandson."

Mrs Powers added: "We are really proud of him."

One student who was celebrating exam success was Olivia Wallwork, 16, of Manor Gate Road, Kingston.

Olivia got all As and A*s, juggling studying with a world challenge she went on in May last year where she raised £1,500 to go trekking in Croatia and had to learn to look after herself and others on a strict budget.

The Tiffin Girls' pupil said: "I was very nervous coming in today as we are all going to Reading later but this is a really good start to the weekend."

At Richard Challoner School Oliver Hicks, 16, from Worcester Park, said: "I was nervous before I came in and I was particularly worried about English which I got a C in.

"I am happy but I was predicted much higher."



Thumbs up: Richard Challoner boys



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Student secures police role



Placement: Will Scott-Barrett

Volunteering has helped one Kingston University student get ahead with a placement at the Metropolitan Police.

Criminology student Will Scott-Barrett, 23, will take on a role as a full-time designation detention police officer while completing his degree part-time.

Mr Scott-Barrett said: "I was keen to get involved in any sort of volunteering when I first joined the university and had picked up information from the freshers' fayre.

"Studying criminology, I thought it would be a good idea to follow up on the chance to become a civilian volunteer and was placed at Kingston police station. The hours were really flexible and I managed to get in one or two sessions each week."



Charity challenge: Will Baker is swimming the English Channel to raise money for a hospital cancer unit

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Channelling his talent

by NAZIA DEWJI

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A schoolboy will take the plunge to raise money for a teenage cancer ward that looked after a classmate.

Will Baker, 17, will brave ice cold waters when he swims the English Channel in an 18-hour challenge.

The daring Reeds School pupil, who lives in Kingston, recently got his A/S-level results, but will put himself through an even sterner test next month.

Mr Baker said: "My body is fine and ready. It is the mental strength to keep going that I am scared of the most.

"I feel confident though. My coach has pushed me outside my comfort zone. I am nervous but I have not thought about failing. It is not an option.

"If the time is shorter than 18 hours I will be grateful."

The teenager, who has been training for nine months, hopes to raise £5,000 for the teenage cancer unit at the Royal Surrey County Hospital's Hascombe ward.

He said: "There was a girl in my class who passed away with bone marrow cancer. She left a plan of things that would make it a bit better for people in the ward. I am doing this for her and the ward."

Money raised will be put towards buying flat screen televisions for patients and hide-away mirrors for every bathroom in the ward.

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TUCKER'S LUCK: A 45-year-old family recipe for South African-style cured meat biltong has captured the imagination of food lovers and earned itself an award. Tucker's original biltong, made at Tucker's exotics meats in Kingston, has been given a Great Taste Award 2012. Visit **tuckers-exotics.co.uk**.

SWEET TREAT: Chocolate specialists Hotel Chocolat, in Church Street, Kingston, is looking ahead to Halloween. The shop's new Halloween collection will be available soon, with a range of themed treats.

SHAKE IT: New milkshake shop Sblended made itself known to customers on August 25, when it gave away 100 free milkshakes. The store, in Clarence Street, also handed out 10 per cent off vouchers. Visit **sblended shakes.com**.

‘I’ll be scared to put heating on’

by CHRISTINE FLEMING
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Pensioners may put themselves in danger this winter rather than turn on their heating and face rising bills, campaigners have warned.

People in one-bedroom flats in Madingley, on the Cambridge Road estate, said they were worried heating costs would rise when the communal gas supply system is replaced and monthly capped gas bills stop.

Each flat will have a gas meter installed, along with new radiators and boilers, which Kingston Council said would reduce bills.

But Shirley Costa, 76, who lives on the 10th floor of the Cambridge Road estate tower, was not convinced.

The grandmother-of-six said: “You often read stories in the paper about OAPs who cannot afford to put their heating on.

“I’m one of those people that feels the cold terribly. I’ll be honest, I’ll be scared to put it on. One main fear is I don’t know how much it will cost.”

A Kingston Council spokeswoman said: “The one-bedroom properties did not have individual meters, but were charged through the rent.

“The cost of the gas was therefore pooled, meaning residents had no incentive to limit their heating use or those that kept their property cooler were effectively subsidising those who did not. This is not equitable or energy efficient.”



New beginning: The Madingley tower block after fire gutted the top four floors in 2010 Deadlinepix KT50674

She said people would have a choice of pre-paid meters or quarterly bills.

Jill Preston, of the Cambridge Road Estate Community Group, asked who would pay the VAT on gas after the changeover. Before that, the council absorbed the cost.

A spokeswoman for campaign group Consumer Focus said the council should make sure people know about help they are entitled to if they were worried about energy bills.

Free loft and cavity wall insulation from council

People could get free loft and cavity insulation after Kingston Council secured national funding.

Kingston Council and specialist carbon reduction agency Climate Energy will offer the insulation this winter though the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (Cert) scheme.

The installation of loft and cavity wall insulation can in some cases reduce the cost of heating homes by about £300 according to research by the energy saving trust.

Councillor Sharon Hartley, lead member for sustainability and sport, said: “I urge our residents to arrange a visit, take advantage of free insulation and make a contribution to reducing their impact on the environment. There are so many positive aspects to this scheme, not least that it will help residents to keep warm and save money this winter.”

To book an appointment and find out how to benefit from the scheme, residents should contact Climate Energy on 0800 6527206. Visit kingston.gov.uk/energy.

Residents’ group says others should fight bad landlords

A residents’ group awarded more than £500,000 for unfair service charges are encouraging people to stand-up to overcharging landlords.

Charter Quay residents featured in a Channel Four Dispatches expose screened on Monday, August 20, as an example of leaseholders who successfully took a landlord to tribunal.

Derek Winsor, chairman of the residents’ association, said they wanted to give encouragement to others.

Charter Quay residents won a four-year legal battle against the former management company at their block of flats.

A web of companies, which were all owned by Iranian tycoon Vincent Tchenguiz, overcharged people at the riverside development for CCTV services, insurance and an intercom system, a tribunal ruled.

Pledge to go for renewable power options

Kingston Council has vowed to go green after opting for renewable energy resources including wind and solar power.

The move means a significant amount of the council’s electricity use over the next three years will come from sustainable sources.

The council intends to reduce CO_2 emissions by 24 per cent by 2015 as part of its low carbon management plan.

Councillor Sharon Hartley said the green package, agreed for a number of council buildings, was just the start.

She said: “Where energy suppliers are competitive, Kingston will always support the greener option.”

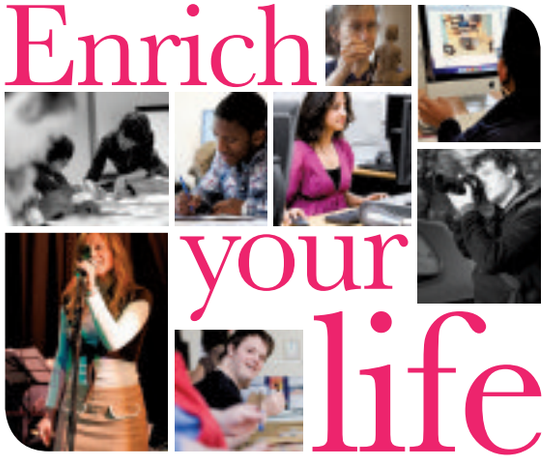
The local authority hopes to include housing stock and a number of schools into the green package next year.

The deal with green energy provider SSE, (formerly Scottish and Southern Energy), will begin this autumn.

For more details and information on the council’s full energy strategy visit **kingston.gov.uk/energy_strategy** or call the climate change team on 020 8547 5002.

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Shining lights: Roy Smith and Rob Seale

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Honour to carry torch

by CLARE BUCHANAN
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A former Paralympic athlete and disability football coach will carry the torch ahead of the Games.

Roy Smith represented Great Britain in the 1980 Paralympics as a high jumper and founded British Blind Sport, a charity that enables blind people to experience the same sporting opportunities as sighted people.

The New Malden man lost his sight aged 21 and found blind sports to build his confidence.

The 62-year-old was made an MBE in 1991 and was due to carry the torch on Wednesday, August 29, in Greenwich after being nominated by the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

He said: "Quite a few of my family will be coming along to have a look so it should be good. It is a real honour.

"It's fantastic that there's so much interest in disability sport now and with sell out tickets for the first time."

Rob Seale, also from New Malden, was nominated by Sebastian Coe, the chairman of the London 2012 organising committee, to take part in the Paralympic torch relay.

As football and development officer at Chelsea FC, the 28-year-old has helped hundreds of young people with mental and physical disabilities improve their self esteem and football skills.

The former Our Lady Immaculate School pupil was to run through Regents Park with four team members on Wednesday, August 29.

He said: "I am really excited and all the guys in the team are really looking forward to it. It's a real honour to be nominated by Lord Coe himself who is actually a Chelsea fan."

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Man who took woman hostage goes missing

by CLARE BUCHANAN

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A violent man jailed after attacking a woman and holding her hostage in a wood has gone missing.

Shaun Bedward is wanted on recall to prison after breaching his licence conditions.

He was sentenced at Kingston Crown Court in March to 18 months behind bars for false imprisonment.

Bedward lured a woman he befriended down a dark country lane after telling her he wanted to give her money, old medals and poems.

He had been living in a tent in Chessington woods.

But when she became scared Bedward began shouting and grabbed his victim by the wrists, pushed her to the ground and held her down with his body during the incident in November last year.

She escaped and police used CS gas to capture Bedward, who was sitting on a bridge near the A3.

When police searched his tent they found a book about serial killers.



Violent: Shaun Bedward, inset, held a woman hostage in Chessington woods

Kingston police are appealing for help from the public in tracing the 48-year-old violent offender.

Bedward is a white man, about 5ft 10in and of medium build.

He had a full beard and his hair was close shaven.

He has previous convictions for robbery and possession of an imitation firearm.

If you have seen him, or know where he is, call police on 999 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Need answers over GCSE meddling by Government

Having received my GCSE results, like many others all over the country, I have concerns about the way they were marked and the alleged political involvement that could have manipulated them.

Although my results, including the bad ones, seemed fair, for others they were not.

One of my friends, as mentioned in your sister paper the Surrey Comet's article, Jacques Kitenge, did not get the results he needed to get into either of his colleges.

If these grades were fair, then fine. However, if this was due to Mr Gove's meddling, then that is clearly unfair to him and others in similar situations, locally and nationally.

As various individuals have pointed out if, in a game of sport, the methods of scoring were changed during the game it would be considered unsporting, especially if it influenced the results of the game.

Surely the same applies here? After all, the marks needed to get a grade should remain constant throughout the year. But exam boards have revealed grade boundaries have been changed. This is not right.

Maybe this was a political move. Gove made a big fuss, so exam boards tried to cover up the increase in grades. But exams are not designed to fiddle with pupils' futures. It is to identify skills.

I think headteachers also have their own views on this. I say they should also express their views, as should other pupils with concerns.

I also believe Edward Davey MP and the council should have a look into this as well regarding local schools.

Maybe the MP should also challenge Mr Gove about this alleged results fixing in Parliament?

I will be seeing him about this later on to ask what he can do.

RICHARD JONES
Surbiton

Plan is only one that can develop a nature reserve

Both Hydro Properties and the objectors want the same thing for the filter beds: a well managed nature reserve with public access. How this is achieved is the nub of the matter.

At present there is no public access. Hydro Property's plan is that the site will be open from dawn to dusk with suitable management.

Various nature conservation societies are rightly objecting to the development largely on the basis that the colony of daubentons bats would be put at risk.

There has been an ecological survey in progress over the past year that will be presented to the council.

The only way the developers can hope to gain planning permission is if the ecological problems are fully addressed and the environment enhanced for wildlife.

For the bats the lighting levels need to be controlled to prevent disturbance of the colony.

Experts have been appointed and plans are in hand. But one of the most pressing problems that bats are encountering today is the lack of food.

The site is degrading as broom scrub is overwhelming the once floriferous chalk grassland banks. Proper management can restore these, more flowers, more insects, happier bats.

If the planning process finds the proposals environmentally and ecologically acceptable the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust is willing to design and manage the site.

And having seen the success at Barnes, teeming with wildfowl and dragonflies among banks of wild flowers, it would be a most wonderful addition to our local area. What could be better?

It is absolutely in the interest of Hydro Property that this scheme delivers a well managed nature reserve for public education and enjoyment.

Its scheme is the only financially viable way forward to produce the nature reserve for which all parties wish.

It is sad that the issue has become so contentious.

If only the objectors and developers could work together we would all benefit – the children, the birds and the bats.

GEORGE ROME INNES
Committee, Kingston upon Thames Society

Leave car, bring on Tesco

With regards to the proposed new Tesco store at Tolworth, I do not mind the idea as the current large Tesco at New Malden is difficult to get to for people who do not have cars.

The supermarket should be as close to the town centre as possible in order to cater for the most people.

I have found that the smaller stores tend to have higher prices and are not suitable for doing a weekly shop in. The smaller ones seem to be more convenience stores.

As for the roundabout at Tolworth being clogged with extra cars if the proposed Tesco supermarket goes ahead – if people did the right thing and left their cars at home more and tried to get their 10,000 steps a day as per NHS advice, we might have fewer cars on the roundabout.

JANET FEVRI
Tolworth

Don't fear the buses

Sally Berriman's rousing call for residents to form a "human shield" against the "mighty machine" that threatens to "blight" Beverley Way is indeed a tremendous tale of the human spirit fighting back against the odds (Kingston Guardian, August 23).

However, having lived on a street frequented by these machines for a number of years, I can reassure Ms Berriman that buses are not as frightening as they first appear.

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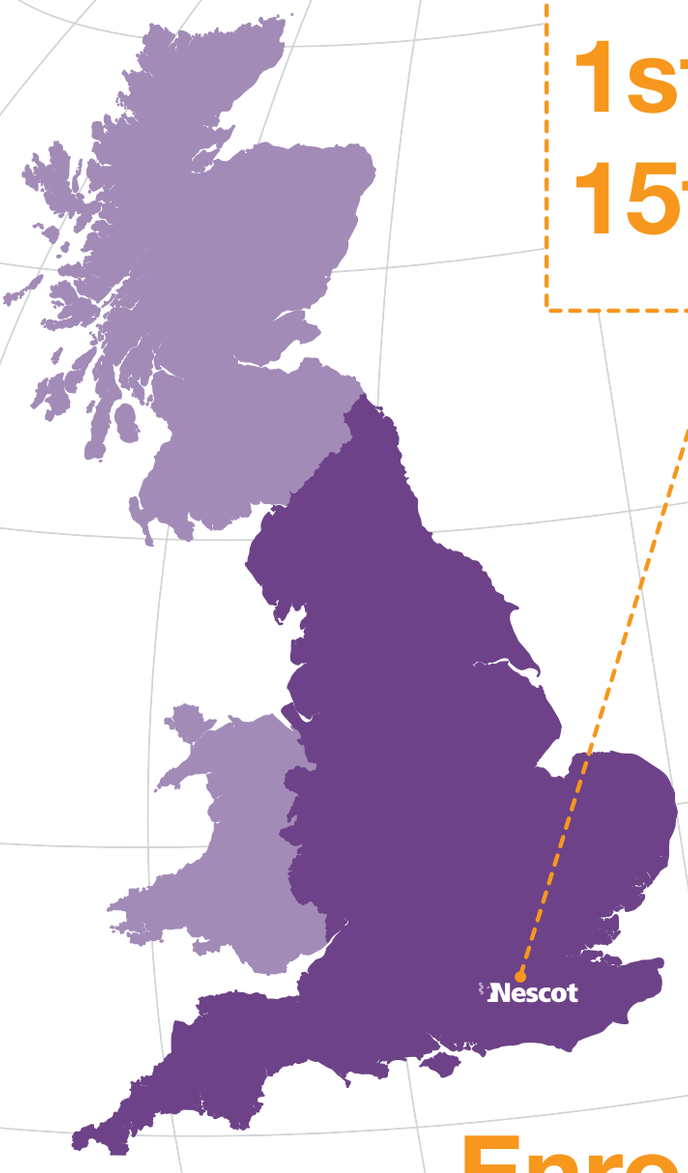
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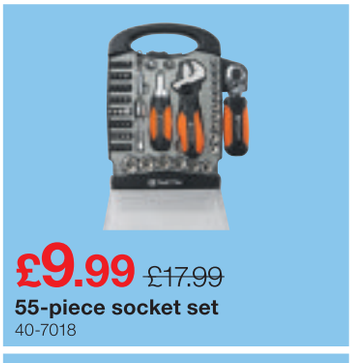
















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CARNIVAL TIME

Kingston's streets will be bursting at the seams with vibrant dance troupes, capoeira artists, stilt walkers, zumba dancers and street performers when the carnival arrives this weekend, *writes Nazia Dewji*.

To kick off the event, a colourful and musical procession will go through Kingston from noon on Sunday.

Starting from Guildhall and going through Eden Street, along Clarence Street, into Market Place and then finishing back at the heart of the town centre by Guildhall, the procession will be a warm up to a fun-filled day of events.

Kingston mayor Councillor Mary Heathcote will formally open the carnival at 1pm, after which the annual extravaganza will boast lively music from around the world with Latin American beats to 1970 cover bands and African bongo jams all day.

Up and coming band the Skints will be the headlining act on the main stage in Kingston town centre.

A community stage will also host performances from the likes of Kingston Chinese Association, Kingston Gujarati School and the Institute of Tamil Culture.

For younger carnivalgoers the Rose Theatre's Culture Cafe will put on children's workshops and entertainment all afternoon.

Memorial Gardens and All Saints Church lawn will also become dedicated children's areas with lots of fun games and activities.

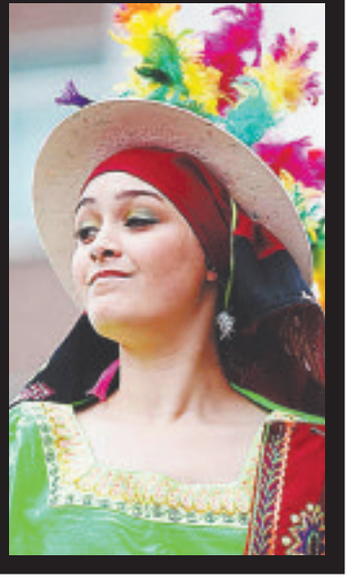
The carnival, which celebrates cultural diversity and heritage with free entertainment and food, is jointly organised by Kingston Race and Equalities Council in association with Global Arts, Kingston Town Centre Management and Kingston Council.

To get everybody into the carnival spirit, organisers have arranged a variety of fun and exciting workshops such as circus skills, street dancing and costume-making, which are open to all ages in the lead up to the carnival.

❑ **Kingston Carnival, Market Place, Kingston, Sunday, September 2, noon to 6pm, visit krec.org.**







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What's on

EX-FACTOR: X Factor bad boy Frankie Cocozza returns to Kingston for a live performance.

The Brighton boy first shot to fame with his performances on the popular TV show but, after being kicked off, he won over the public with his bubbly personality on Celebrity Big Brother.

■ **Frankie Cocozza live at McClusky's, Bishops Hall, Riverside Walk, Kingston. Saturday, September 1. Open 9.30pm to 3am, last entry at 1am. Free entry before 11pm. Call 020 8541 1515 or visit mccluskys.com.**

HISTORY TALK: History fanatics will have a chance to find out more about Kent's famous Knole house and the intriguing Sackville family that lived there at a special talk hosted by the Surbiton and District Historical Society.

National Trust history expert Peter Gillman will explore the rich history of what has been described as a labyrinthine house and the hedonistic aristocratic life its residents have lived over the years.

■ **Knole and the Sackvilles talk, Surbiton library hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton, Tuesday, September 4, 7.45pm. Cost £2, call 020 8399 4473.**

STITCH IT: A needlework group is returning in time to fix winter woollies and school uniforms.

Practised and new sewers are welcome to the stitch in time sessions, organised by Transition Town Kingston, that give help mending, altering or learning new skills.

■ **Stitch in Time at Kingston Environment Centre, in Fairfield East, Kingston. Wednesday, September 5, from 7pm to 9pm. Free but donations appreciated. For more information visit ttkingston.org/groups-and-projects/stitch.**



Here be DRAGONS

Kingston Bridge will once again be alive with the sound of drums as the annual Dragon Boat Race returns next month.

Joining the racing rowers at Canbury Gardens will be rugby legend and TV personality Matt Dawson, who will be captaining a boat on behalf of the Beating Bowel Cancer charity.

The Rotary Dragon boat Racing Challenge, postponed in July due to dangerous river conditions, will now take place on Sunday, September 9.

The rowing races start at 10am with an exciting eight boat final in the afternoon, and at the end of the races the mayor will present trophies to the winning teams.

Each team has chosen a charity to support with organisers hoping they will top last year's total of £40,000.

There will also be attractions on dry land with children's fairground rides and more than 30 charity, craft and refreshment stalls.

❑ **The Rotary Dragon Boat Racing Challenge, Kingston riverside, Sunday, September 9, from 10am, free to watch, visit kingstonrotaryclub.org.uk.**

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Focus on gardening

Garden lovers will show off the fruits of their labour at this year's Kingston Horticultural Society's (KHS) annual open show.

Lovingly-grown produce will be displayed as allotment growers, garden lovers and amateur artists display the results of several months of hard toil to the public.

KHS committee member Roger Millington said: "We take a friendly, relaxed approach.

"Some other horticultural societies insist everything is prepared according to a set of guidelines published by the Royal Horticultural Society and these are quite strict but we tend to be more relaxed.

"I think people are more conscious about gardening and healthy food these days."

There are eight competition sections showing off vegetables, fruits, flowers and pot plants, as well as cooking skills, arts talents and photographic abilities.

❑ **Kingston Horticultural Society annual open show; Barnfield Youth Centre, Parkfield Road, Kingston; Saturday, September 1; 2.30pm to 4.45pm; entry free; visit khswebsite.com.**

SNEAK A PEEK



The driving force behind a festival granting public access to the borough's historic treasures has urged residents to take advantage of an annual opportunity to see what lurks behind Kingston's closed doors, *writes Clare Buchanan.*

Heritage Open Days launched in 1994 to celebrate England's architecture and culture by offering free entry to venues not normally open to the public or which normally charge for entry.

The Kingston Society took over the voluntary event 10 years ago and chairwoman Jennifer Butterworth said, with six new venues in the borough this year, this was one not to be missed.

She said: "It's a really good opportunity for an interesting day out in Kingston for families without being too expensive.

"There are some very interesting things. Some people have lived here for years and don't know about them."

In Kingston 31 buildings will open their doors to the public across three days, giving unrivalled access to explore behind the scenes in the town.

Unlike the Open Door scheme, which looks at architectural qualities of buildings, the Heritage Open Day focuses on the social interest of venues.

Mrs Butterworth said the scheme included a variety of buildings and venues appealing to a wide audience, with past entries including a nightclub.

She said: "If you judge buildings by social interest it's a completely different ball game.

"The architects were absolutely appalled about it [the nightclub] but if you were a mother of teenagers who went out clubbing you would be very interested to see the inside of the club."



This year's venues include Cleave's Almshouses, in Old London Road, Hillcroft College, in Surbiton, Kingston and Surbiton District Synagogue, and Coombe Conduit.

Newcomers include Seething Wells Waterworks, Barnfield Youth and Community Centre, a mystery private house and art collection and Thames Sailing Club.

❑ **Kingston Heritage Open Days – various venues, September 6 to 9; free. Booklets from Kingston's tourist information desk, in Market House, or at Kingston's libraries. Visit heritageopendays.org.uk.**





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A new survey reveals that the number of private rented households in England has increased from two million in 1999 to 3.62 million (17 per cent) in 2010-11, while the number of owner-occupied homes dropped.

As the number of tenants soars, the Association of Residential Lettings Agents (ARLA) advises that the new generation of renters should make sure they understand their responsibilities.

Ian Potter, managing director at ARLA, said: "Renting a property offers a great level of freedom, but this does come with associated responsibilities and in some cases, liabilities – even though someone else owns the property.

"If these terms are understood, a tenant can enjoy their rental home without worrying about unnecessary disputes arising when they decide to move out.

"As some responsibilities are different from home to home, I would always recommend checking through a tenancy agreement with a legal expert. This will ensure all obligations are understood, and ultimately, fulfilled by both parties."

ARLA has the following tips:

Contents insurance

While landlords are usually liable for insuring the building and any furnishings it comes with, tenants should take out insurance for their own contents. Some insurance providers will require detailed information about the property before giving a quote, so be sure to contact the landlord if you are unsure about any questions.

Last one out

If all of the tenants will be leaving the property vacant for any period of time during the tenancy, ensure that the last person to leave prepares the house for the unoccupied duration. Simple tasks like clearing out fridges/freezers, turning off electric devices at the wall, and turning off the main water supply can help prevent problems while you're away. Equally, in the winter it may be sensible to leave heating on at a low level, to ensure pipes do not freeze.

It is worth noting that many tenancy agreements stipulate that you must notify the landlord if all occupants will be away for longer than a certain period of time.

Looking after your rental property

It is a tenant's responsibility to look after the fittings and fixtures of a rental property. While reasonable wear and tear is to be expected, it is important to inform the landlord immediately if any damage, accidental or otherwise, does occur.

Having a detailed inventory can help with the resolution of any issues around damage or missing items at the end of the rental period. If you are worried about any aspect of a tenancy, seek advice from a lettings agent affiliated to a professional organisation like ARLA. All ARLA licensed agents must adhere to a strict code of conduct, as well as offering client money protection and redress schemes, which protect all parties if things go wrong.

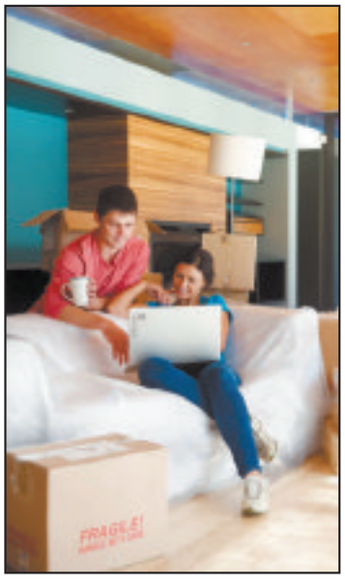
Get to know your neighbours

Sharing an emergency contact phone number with a neighbour is a useful precaution. It is best to give more than one number if possible, such as your own and that of the property's managing agent, if there is one. This will speed up access to the property in the event of something like a pipe leak, where an issue in one flat could cause problems for other homes.

Move everything out

On moving out day it is important to remember that any items which appeared in the property during your tenancy must be moved out or disposed of.

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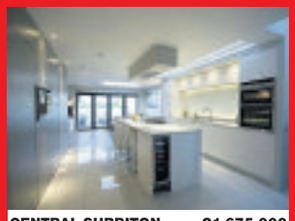
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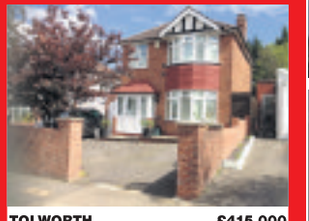




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1. Transport for London hereby gives notice that it has made the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
2. The purpose of the Order is to enable infrastructure removal works and to reduce the likelihood of the danger to the public due to sight lines on the approach to a school crossing patrol on A243 Leatherhead Road.
3. The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from stopping on the northbound carriageway of the A243 Leatherhead Road from a point 8 metres south of the extended common boundary of Nos. 144 and 146 Leatherhead Road to the extended common boundary of Nos. 156A and 158 Leatherhead Road.

 The Order will be effective between 3rd September 2012 and 30th November 2012 each Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM or when the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
4. The prohibition will not apply in respect of:
 (1) any vehicle being used for the purposes of those works or for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;
 (2) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London.

Dated this 30th day of August 2012

Roger Pye
Forward Planning Manager, Transport for London
Palestra, 197 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NJ

MAYOR OF LONDON

London Borough of Merton Public Notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Section 16A
TEMPORARY ORDER
Burlington Road, Belmont Avenue and Claremont Avenue, New Malden

1. The Merton London Borough Council hereby give notice that to facilitate a chariot procession, they have made a temporary Order the effect of which will be that:
 (a) no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in Burlington Road between its junctions with Belmont Avenue and Claremont Avenue;
 (b) no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in Claremont Avenue from its junction with Burlington Road other than in a southerly direction;
 (c) no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in Belmont Avenue other than in a northerly direction;
 (d) no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on Belmont Avenue from its junction with Burlington Road for a distance of 20 metres;
 (e) no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on Claremont Avenue from its junction with Burlington Road for a distance of 20 metres.

 NB: The one-way working in Belmont Avenue and Claremont Avenue will not operate concurrently.
2. The restrictions shall only apply during such times and to such an extent as indicated by the placing of appropriate signs.
3. Nothing in the Order will apply to:
 a) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform;
 b) any person or vehicle engaged in the execution of the said event;
 c) any vehicle being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes;
4. (a) The alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure shall be via the A3 Kingston By-pass, Coombe Lane and West Barnes Lane;
 (b) The alternative route for vehicles affected by the one-way working in Claremont Avenue shall be via Belmont Avenue;
 (c) The alternative route for vehicles affected by the one-way working in Belmont Avenue shall be via Claremont Avenue.
5. The Order shall be operational between 10.30 and 14.00 on 2nd September 2012 only.

Dated this the 30th August 2012.

Chris Lee
Director of Environment and Regeneration
London Borough of Merton
Merton Civic Centre
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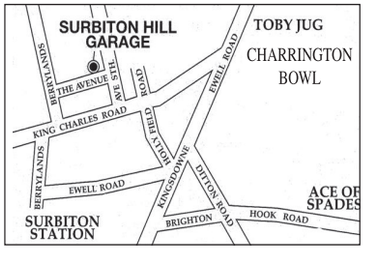
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Mii maximises the interior space

Stylish and clever details in SEAT's good-to-drive city car

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Every element of the Mii's design is geared towards maximising interior space, and the new SEAT successfully redefines what is possible on such a compact platform.

The wheelbase is the joint longest in the class, but this is balanced by tiny front and rear overhangs so as not to jeopardise urban agility.

A square side profile and a near-vertical tailgate mean that rear passengers enjoy joint best-in-class headroom, but their comfort is not to the detriment of boot space, which is also among the largest in the segment.

Stylish and clever details abound with SEAT's now trademark Arrow Design philosophy, clearly evident in the Mii's front end.

At the back, the cleverly-shaped indicators 'point' in the direction of the turn, while the Mii's elongated doors provide simple, easy access for rear seat passengers.

Under the new small SEAT's svelte bonnet lies a 1.0-litre, three cylinder, MPI (multi-point injection) petrol engine with an output of either 60 PS or 75 PS.

SEAT's compact, lightweight petrol engine delivers very competitive CO2 emissions as low as 105 g/km as is, but the addition of SEAT's start/stop system and energy recovery drops emissions to just 96g/km.

This setup, in the Ecomotive derivative, allows drivers to avoid annual road tax (under current VED bandings) as well as the London Congestion Charge.



For customers who require the added convenience of an automatic, SEAT has made the 1.0 75 PS engine available in combination with a five-speed automated manual; simple and lighter than a DSG system.

When it comes to trim levels the new Mii range sensibly follows the same structure as the rest of the SEAT range. With its simple engine line-up, too, the overall number of derivatives has been kept to a minimum. Prices starting at only £7,845 RRP on the road for the entry-level Mii S 3dr.

And now you can personalise your Mii with the Vibora Negra edition pack – which means black viper in Spanish.

The pack transforms the Vibora Negra Mii into one of the most striking, visually aggressive and sportiest city cars currently on sale, endowing it with the spirit of SEAT's most powerful FR and Cupra models.

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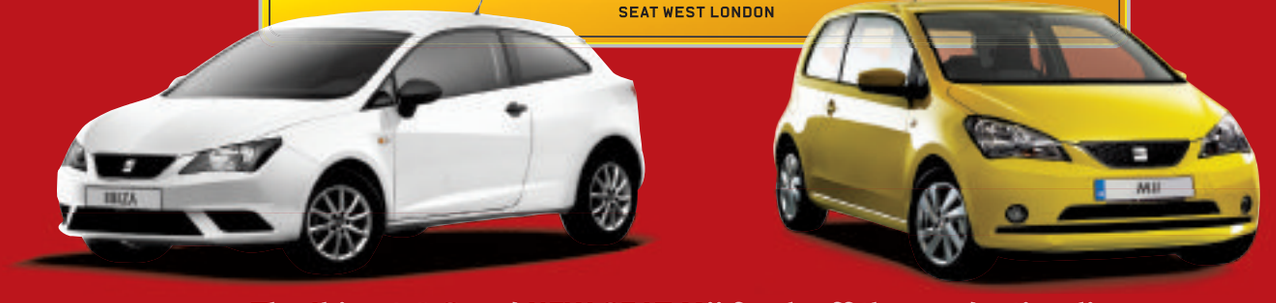
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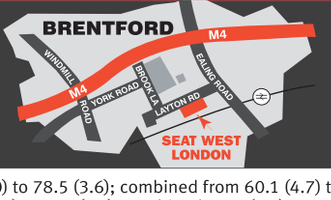
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NEW REG 62

Swift Sport reflects car's evolution

Performance and economy combine to match today's needs

The Swift Sport is the performance flagship of the Swift model range and offers higher levels of tuning, steering and braking performance than the standard Swift on which it's based.

The sporting experience and everyday practicality of the previous model have earned many devoted fans in approximately 40 countries and territories around the world.

The new Swift Sport has the same DNA as its predecessor, but reflects the concept of developing a refined sport compact from the new Swift 1.2 litre launched in the UK late last year.

Now, Suzuki has realised even higher levels of Swift performance and styling and combined them with improved fuel economy and environmental performance to create a sports compact that is an ideal match for today's needs. The result is the all-new Swift Sport.

The new Swift Sport's exterior design reflects the model's evolution towards a more sporting look.

Aerodynamic parts control the airflow, suppress lift and give the car a lower visual centre of gravity.

Newly developed High-Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps with a metallic-grey coating as well as new design rear combination lamps heighten the sense of dynamism expressed by the exterior design.

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The engine's high output is combined with improved fuel economy; CO2 emissions are down around 10 per cent from 165g/km to 147g/km and a revised exhaust system now yields a sportier note.

The keys to the Swift's nimble handling include wide track and a short wheelbase.

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New Swift Sport is available in five metallic/pearlescent colours which are: Silky Silver metallic; Kashmir Blue Pearl metallic; Cosmic Black Pearl metallic; Cool White pearl metallic; Ablaze Red Pearl metallic.

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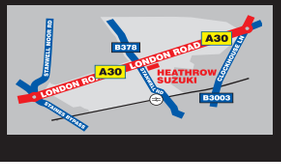
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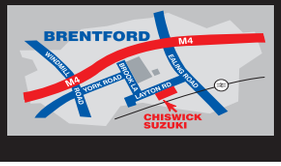
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Two podium places for Onslow-Cole

New Malden's Tom Onslow-Cole enjoyed a good weekend behind the wheel in the British Touring Car Championship.

The 25-year-old took two second place podium finishes and a fifth place at the Knockhill meeting, lifting him to sixth in the overall standings.

Moreover, the successful weekend means he stays third in the independent drivers' standings and keeps in touch with the leaders.

The championship moves on to Rockingham on September 23.

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Ks can set the pace, says Rob

Goalkeeper Rob Tolfrey says Kingstonian's super-fast attacking style will have their Ryman League Premier Division rivals running scared.

Speaking after Ks' 3-3 draw against Margate and 3-0 win at Concord Rangers over the bank holiday weekend, Tolfrey praised the attacking front line of Dean Lodge, Andre McCollin and Wade Small, and warned that defences will find themselves in the trio's wake.

Tolfrey, who has made 130 appearances for Ks since joining from Horsham in 2009, is also confident the whole squad is on song and excited about the season ahead.

"Our pace will scare opponents," the 25-year-old said.

"The lads up front are so fast that some defenders will not be able to cope. They work very well together – even from where I am at the other end of the pitch, I can see how they give teams a torrid time.

"But it is not just about pure pace. It is the general all-round speed of movement, the balls into the channels and taking free-kicks quickly. I can see teams really struggling to cope."

Kingstonian came from 2-0 down to claim a point in the 3-3 draw at home to Margate on Saturday – Gary MacDonald, McCollin and Kieran Murphy got the goals.

There was better news on Monday when two goals from McCollin and a Matt Pattison effort secured a 3-0 win at Concord Rangers.

Unbeaten Ks are now third in the table and host Leiston on Sunday (3pm).



Heave ho: Kingston's forwards, left, pack down against near neighbours Old Tiffinians last season SP65295

Let's celebrate in style

by WILL KELLEHER
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Kingston RFC are out to celebrate their 125th anniversary season with promotion back into the London leagues, according to chairman Graeme Maisey.

The Hook Road club finished fourth in Surrey Division One, leading to the departure of former coach Earle Wilkes to be replaced by former Esher academy manager Phil Clements.

And with Philippine sevens international Mark Chatting in their ranks, Maisey is confident Kingston can mark their landmark in style.

"We managed to come fourth last year so we're looking to improve on that and gain promotion," he said.



Blast from the past: All Black legend Zinzan Brooke, right, officially opens Kingston's clubhouse in 2006

"A few years back we were in London Three so we're trying to get back there.

"We are looking to start where we left off last year. After Christmas we didn't lose many, so hopefully we can continue that run."

Formed off the back of the historic split between rugby union and rugby league back in 1887, Kingston can lay claim to being one of the oldest clubs in the area.

It has been a bumpy ride though, with the club moving three times in its history from its first home in Richmond Road to its current base in King Edward's Recreation Ground – via Bushy Park and Home Park.

An arson attack in 2003 destroyed Kingston's Hook Road clubhouse forcing a £300,000 rebuild in 2005 that was officially opened by former All Black Zinzan Brooke.

Club treasurer Barry Symonds said: "Our history and heritage denote Kingston RFC as a club with resilience and a keen instinct for survival."

The club have produced 125 commemorative rugby shirts to mark the occasion, while a dinner and dance event is on the agenda.

Kingston play a trial match against Old Rutlishians on September 1, before Surrey One starts on September 22.

SPORTSbrief

CRICKET: Malden Wanderers' match against Normandy in the Premier Division of the Surrey Championship last Saturday fell victim to the weather and was abandoned. Mid-table Malden now host Reigate Priory, who have an outside chance of winning the title, on Saturday. The same fate befell Kingstonian's clash with Dorking in Division Five and Cobham Avorians' home match with Worcester Park in Division Two. Leaders Kingstonian travel to Sanderstead on Saturday looking for the two points that would seal the title. Cobham Avorians' relegation to Division Three was confirmed several weeks ago as they have collected just two points from 16 matches and are 44 points adrift at the bottom.

FOOTBALL: Corinthian Casuals crashed out of the FA Cup on Saturday after a 3-0 defeat at Redhill. Although they were favourites on the day, the Casuals of Ryman League Division One South were no match for the team from Division One of the Sussex County League. Casuals returned to league action last night with the visit of Three Bridges to King George's Field.

ATHLETICS: Stragglers runner Kevin Best won last Saturday's Kingston parkrun, clocking 18 minutes, 26 seconds.



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